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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
11 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
12 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION
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14 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) No. CR 10-00153 CRB
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16 Plaintiff,) **DEFENDANT’S NOTICE OF MOTION**
17) **AND MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL**
18 vs.) **PURSUANT TO FEDERAL RULE OF**
19) **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE 33**
20 DAVID PRINCE,)
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22 Defendant) **Date:** November 16, 2011
23) **Time:** 2:15 P.M.
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30 **NOTICE OF MOTION**

31 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendant David Prince, by and through his attorney,
32 Daniel L. Barton, hereby moves the Court to grant defendant a new trial pursuant to Federal Rule
33 of Criminal Procedure 33.

34 This motion is based on the instant Notice of Motion and Motion, the attached
35 Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the attachments, any pleadings, orders, or documents on
36 file in this matter, and any additional evidence and argument as may be presented at the hearing on
37 this motion. This motion complies with the court’s order that Defendant submit his motion for a
38 new trial by October 21, 2011.

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

1. INTRODUCTION

Following a jury trial, defendant David Prince was found guilty of five charges of wire fraud. The jury was unable to reach a verdict on two additional charges of wire fraud, and the Court declared a mistrial in relation to these charges.

Defendant brings the following motion for a new trial based on Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 33. Defendant brings this motion on the following grounds: (1) Defense's Proposed Jury Instructions 4 and 11 relating to "Missing Witnesses" and "Guaranteed and Secured—Defined" (Dkt. 206) were improperly denied; (2) the Court erred by not requiring Dr. Lance Lee assert his Fifth Amendment privilege in front of the jury; and (3) the defense was improperly prohibited from cross-examining W. Carson McLean regarding the facts underlying his financial analysis and conclusions, particularly in relation to whether he was provided with and/or considered information provided to the case agent regarding cash payments made to the funds' trader, Billy Choi. These errors—taken either individually or collectively—warrant a new trial, and accordingly the Court should grant this motion.¹

2. A MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL SHOULD BE GRANTED IF THERE IS A REASONABLE PROBABILITY THAT AN ERROR RESULTED IN A MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE.

Motions for new trials are governed by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 33. Such motions can be made on a number of different grounds, including the discovery of new evidence, the denial of a defendant's constitutional rights, or any other error that resulted in injustice. *See* Fed. R. Crim. Pro. 33; *Harper v. United States*, 296 F.2d 612, 614 (9th Cir. 1962); *United States v.*

¹ The defense will order a transcript of W. Carson McLean's testimony and provide it to the Court and to the government as soon as it is received from the court reporter.

1 *Arango*, 670 F.Supp. 1558 (S.D. Fl. 1987) (motion for new trial can be based on deprivation of an
2 individual's constitutional rights).

3 The party bringing the motion must show there is a reasonable probability that a
4 miscarriage of justice resulted from an error. *Harper*, 296 F.2d at 614; *United States v. Smith*, 179
5 F.Supp. 684 (D.C. Cir. 1959). In order to meet this burden, the party must show that it is
6 reasonably likely that the outcome of the trial would have been different absent the alleged error.
7 *United States v. Butler*, 567 F.2d 885, 891 (9th Cir. 1978); *see also United States v. Logan*, 861
8 F.2d 859 (5th Cir. 1988). The motion for a new trial should be granted if this burden is met.
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10 **3. DEFENDANT'S PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTIONS FOUR ("MISSING**
11 **WITNESSES") AND ELEVEN ("GUARANTEED AND SECURED—DEFINED") WERE**
12 **IMPROPERLY DENIED, AND THEIR DENIAL WARRANTS GRANTING A NEW**
13 **TRIAL.**

14 The failure to give proper jury instructions can serve as an appropriate basis to grant a new
15 trial. *See United States v. Marguet-Pillado*, 648 F.3d 1001, 1010 (9th Cir. 2011) (remanding for a
16 new trial on that ground). In the instant case, two instructional errors warrant a new trial.

17 First, it was error to deny both of the defendant's proposed "Missing Witness" Instructions.
18 One instruction should have been read to the jury in order properly to explain Dr. Lance Lee's
19 failure to testify, and so that the jury could properly consider the import of this failure. *See United*
20 *States v. Noah*, 475 F.2d 688, 691 (9th Cir. 1973). Given the defendant's good faith defense, it is
21 reasonably likely that defendant's inability to call Dr. Lee as a witness, coupled with the Court's
22 failure to give this instruction, affected the outcome of the trial.

23 Second, the denial of defendant's Proposed Jury Instruction 11 regarding the definitions of
24 "Guaranteed" and "Secured" also constituted error. A court is obligated to instruct the jury on the
25 definitions of ambiguous or technical terms. *See United States v. Hernandez-Escarsega*, 886 F.2d
26 1560, 1571 (9th Cir. 1989). Because the primary misstatement alleged by the prosecution was Mr.
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Prince's statement that each investor's principal was "guaranteed," the failure to instruct on the legal meaning of that word—as distinguished from the meaning of the term "secured" and from the colloquial meaning of the term—prejudiced the defendant. A new trial is warranted based on each of these errors.

A. The denial of the defense's proposed "Missing Witness" instructions constituted prejudicial error.

The court improperly denied Defense's Proposed Jury Instructions 4-a and 4-b (Dkt. 206), which gave two alternative "Missing Witness" instructions.² These instructions were premised on

² Defense's Proposed Jury Instruction 4-a (Dkt. 206) reads:

You have heard testimony about Dr. Loren Daniel Lee (also called Lance Lee). The government did not call Dr. Lee to testify. The defense attempted to call Dr. Lee to testify in this case, but Dr. Lee refused, stating under oath that his testimony might incriminate him. The government had the opportunity to grant immunity to Dr. Lee, but chose not to. Had the government granted Dr. Lee immunity, Dr. Lee could not have refused to testify. The defense does not have the ability to grant immunity, only the government does.

The defense has argued that Dr. Lee could have given material testimony in this case and that the government was in the best position to produce this witness. If you find that Dr. Lee could have been called by the government and would have given important new testimony, and that the government was in the best position to call Dr. Lee, but failed to do so, you are permitted, but you are not required, to infer that the testimony of Dr. Lee would have been unfavorable to the government.

In deciding whether to draw an inference that Dr. Lee would have testified unfavorably to the government, you may consider whether Dr. Lee's testimony would have merely repeated other testimony and evidence already before you.

Defense's Proposed Jury Instruction 4-b (Dkt. 206) reads:

You have heard testimony about Dr. Loren Daniel Lee (also called Lance Lee). Dr. Lee was not called to testify. The defense has argued that Dr. Lee could have given material testimony in this case and that the government was in the best position to produce this witness.

If you find that Dr. Lee could have been called by the government and would have given important new testimony, and that the government was in the best position to

1 the importance of clarifying for the jury why Dr. Lance Lee did not testify before the jury.
2 Because the jury was likely to hold Mr. Prince responsible for not calling Dr. Lee to testify, and
3 because only the government could have compelled Dr. Lee to testify before the jury, a “Missing
4 Witness” instruction should have been given. In particular, the Defense’s Proposed Jury
5 Instruction 4-a, which clearly outlined why Dr. Lee was not testifying, should have been read to
6 the jury.
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8 “The failure of a party to produce a material witness who could elucidate matters under
9 investigation gives rise to a presumption that the testimony of that witness would be unfavorable
10 to that party if the witness is peculiarly within the party's control.” *United States v. Noah*, 475
11 F.2d 688, 691 (9th Cir. 1973) (citing *World Wide Automatic Archery, Inc. v. United States*, 356
12 F.2d 834, 837 (9th Cir. 1966)). Ninth Circuit Model Criminal Jury Instruction 4.13 states that a
13 “Missing Witness” instruction is warranted in certain cases. If a witness is peculiarly within the
14 power of one party to produce but that party fails to call the witness to testify, and if the inference
15 of unfavorable testimony from the absent witness is a reasonable and natural one, a court should
16 give a “Missing Witness” instruction. *See United States v. Bramble*, 680 F.2d 590, 592 (9th Cir.
17 1982); *United States v. Noah*, 475 F.2d at 691.
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19 Defendant identified Dr. Lee as a witness. Before trial, defendant moved for a judicial
20 grant of immunity for Dr. Lee, which was denied. Defendant twice requested permission to call
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22 call Dr. Lee, but failed to do so, you are permitted, but you are not required, to infer
23 that the testimony of Dr. Lee would have been unfavorable to the government.

24 In deciding whether to draw an inference that Dr. Lee would have testified
25 unfavorably to the government, you may consider whether Dr. Lee would have
26 merely repeated other testimony and evidence already before you.
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1 Dr. Lee to testify before the jury; that request was denied both before and during trial. As
2 expected, Dr. Lee invoked his Fifth Amendment privilege and refused to testify. Defendant
3 presented a defense of good faith, principally arguing that he relied on representations made by
4 Dr. Lee. Mr. Prince's failure to call the one witness who could corroborate the central premise of
5 his defense likely caused the jury to distrust Mr. Prince's testimony regarding the information Dr.
6 Lee provided to Mr. Prince. The jury was never informed that defendant was unable to call Dr.
7 Lee as a witness.
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9 Dr. Lee was within the exclusive power of the government to produce. While a witness's
10 unavailability due to his assertion of a Fifth Amendment right has been ruled by some courts to
11 make a witness unavailable to both parties and therefore not within the peculiar power of the
12 government, *see, e.g., United States v. Brutzman*, 731 F.2d 1449 (9th Cir. 1984), *overruled on*
13 *other grounds by United States v. Charmley*, 764 F.2d 675, 677 n. 1 (9th Cir. 1985), the
14 government's ability to immunize witnesses—a power which the defense does not possess—
15 clearly gave the government the exclusive power to call Dr. Lee. The government simply chose
16 not to exercise this power.
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18 Defense Proposed Jury Instruction 4-a explained clearly and accurately to the jury why Dr.
19 Lee was unavailable: his assertion of his Fifth Amendment privilege. The proposed instruction
20 would allow a jury to determine what weight to give this factor in analyzing defendant's failure to
21 call Dr. Lee as a witness. Defense Proposed Jury Instruction 4-a fully and accurately explains why
22 defendant did not call Dr. Lee to testify at trial, is fair to both parties, and should have been read to
23 the jury. Alternatively, the jury should have been read Proposed Instruction 4-b: a shorter, more
24 succinct instruction that also provides an accurate and fair explanation of defendant's failure to
25 present the testimony of the one witness who could have supported his good faith defense.
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1 An inference that Dr. Lee's testimony would have been unfavorable to the government is
2 both reasonable and natural within the meaning of *United States v. Bramble*, 680 F.2d 590, 592
3 (9th Cir. 1982). The lack of testimony by Dr. Lee was an obvious deficiency in the defense
4 evidence. The testimony of Christopher Hudson and the contemporaneous notes taken by Mr.
5 Hudson during meetings with Dr. Lee indirectly corroborated Mr. Prince's testimony about what
6 Dr. Lee told him about the funds' trader(s) and trading history. Because Mr. Prince's testimony
7 about what he was told by Dr. Lee was consistent with Mr. Hudson's testimony about what he was
8 told, it is reasonable and natural to assume: (1) that Dr. Lee's testimony would mirror their
9 testimonies regarding statements and representations made by him, and (2) that such testimony
10 would have been unfavorable to the government.
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12 Mr. Prince was prejudiced by the court's failure to give one of his proposed missing
13 witness instructions. In a typical case, it is important for a missing witness instruction to be given
14 from the bench. This is because:
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16 arguments of counsel generally carry less weight with a jury than do instructions
17 from the court. The former are usually billed in advance for the jury as matters of
18 argument, not evidence, and are likely viewed as the statements of advocates; the
19 latter, [the Supreme Court has] often recognized are viewed as definitive and
20 binding statements of law.

21 *Boyde v. California*, 494 U.S. 370, 384 (1990) (citation omitted). That said, reviewing courts
22 occasionally will find that a defendant has not been prejudiced by the trial court's failure to
23 provide a missing witness instruction where the defendant was able to argue to the jury about what
24 inferences the jury might make. *See, e.g., United States v. Perez*, 299 F.3d 1, 4 (1st Cir. 2002).

25 Here, significantly more than in the typical case, arguments of counsel could not begin to
26 substitute for an instruction from the bench. First, because the jury was not permitted to see Dr.
27 Lee refuse to testify for Mr. Prince, or to learn the government refused to grant Dr. Lee immunity,
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1 there was no evidence to support a defense argument that Dr. Lee was peculiarly within the power
2 of the government. Second, the limited corroboration for Mr. Prince's testimony that Dr. Lee
3 existed, was involved with the funds, and was the primary contact to the trader Billy Choi, would
4 have led the jury to the incorrect conclusion that it was Mr. Prince who should have called Dr. Lee
5 to testify. Thus, without a missing witness instruction, Dr. Lee appeared to be a missing defense
6 witness, when in fact it was the defense position that the jury should have seen him as a missing
7 government witness—a position that the defense could not argue to the jury, even though it was
8 properly supported.

10 Additionally, in contrast to cases like *United States v. Kress*, 451 F.2d 576, 577 (9th Cir.
11 1971), Dr. Lee's testimony would not have been cumulative. He was in a unique position to
12 testify regarding his personal knowledge of the traders, and to the information that Dr. Lee
13 provided to Mr. Prince regarding the traders.

15 All that must be shown in a Motion for a New Trial is that absent the alleged error, it is
16 reasonably likely that the outcome of the trial would have been different. Given the central
17 importance of the good faith defense to this case, and the fact that Dr. Lee's absence was
18 unexplained to the jury, the failure to give Instructions 4-a or 4-b meant that the jury was not
19 aware how his absence could appropriately be considered. As it occurred at trial, it is reasonably
20 likely that the jury held it against the defendant for not calling Dr. Lee to testify, even though the
21 defense had no power to call Dr. Lee. Only the government had the power to make Dr. Lee
22 available as a witness, and it decided as a tactical matter not to do so. The failure to give a
23 missing witness instruction warrants granting a new trial.

B. The denial of the defense’s proposed “Guaranteed and Secured—Defined” instruction constituted prejudicial error.

The denial of the Defense’s Proposed Jury Instruction 11 regarding the definitions of “Guaranteed and Secured” also constituted prejudicial error that warrants granting a new trial.³ A court should instruct the jury regarding the meaning of terms outside the common understanding of a juror, or terms that are so ambiguous or technical as to require a specific definition. *United States v. Young*, 458 F.3d 998, 1010 (9th Cir. 2006); *United States v. Hernandez-Escarsega*, 886 F.2d at 1571.

In the context of investment and loan programs, “secured” and “guaranteed” clearly qualify as technical words requiring definition by the court. “Secured loan,” for example, has a specific legal definition in Black’s Law Dictionary, which defines it as “[a] loan for which some form of property has been pledged or mortgaged.” Black’s Law Dictionary (5th Edition 1979) (emphasis added). On the other hand, where a loan or investment is merely “guaranteed,” it is simply promised to be returned. *See* Oxford English Dictionary (2nd Edition 1989) (definition of

³ Defense Proposed Jury Instruction 11 reads:

You have heard testimony in this trial regarding a guarantee of principal. There has also been testimony regarding the concept of security or backing for a guarantee.

If a loan or principal balance is guaranteed, it is promised to be returned.

If a loan or principal balance is secured, an asset or a piece of property has been pledged or mortgaged as collateral if a borrower defaults on its obligation.

Mr. Prince is charged with misrepresenting to witnesses that their loans or principal balances to MJE Invest, Dawnstar Alliance, or The Leopard Fund were guaranteed. In considering whether this statement was made, you should consider whether Mr. Prince represented to a witness that the loan or principal was secured or guaranteed.

If you determine such a statement was made, you should then consider the differences in the meanings of these terms in deciding whether Mr. Prince made a misrepresentation that the witness’s loan or principal was guaranteed.

1 guarantee). These two legal terms of art are clearly distinguishable from each other, and therefore
2 Defense's Proposed Jury Instruction 11 would have allowed the jury to differentiate properly
3 between the terms as they were used in this case. The meaning of these highly technical terms and
4 the differences between them are not something within the jurors' common knowledge, and
5 therefore an instruction as to their particular meanings was required.
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7 The defendant's statement that investors' principal was guaranteed formed the primary
8 basis of each of the seven charges of wire fraud in this case. Specifically, because the MJE Invest!
9 and Leopard Fund contracts both expressly stated that the principal was guaranteed, and because
10 each investor signed one of these contracts, the meaning of the term "guaranteed" was of critical
11 importance to each of the charges. The guarantee of principal was also referenced and thoroughly
12 discussed by both parties in opening statements and closing arguments. The fundamental
13 importance of the meaning of this technical, contractual language to each of the seven charges
14 makes it is reasonably probable that the Court's failure to define these terms properly affected the
15 outcome of the trial. An instruction regarding this term was necessary to ensure that the jury did
16 not believe that "guaranteed" was synonymous with "secured," and thus so that the jury would
17 reach verdicts based on an accurate interpretation of the legal terminology contained in the written
18 loan agreements. Accordingly, the denial of Defense's Proposed Jury Instruction 11 unfairly
19 prejudiced the defendant, and the grant of a new trial is warranted.
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22 **4. THE FAILURE TO ALLOW DR. LEE TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE JURY**
23 **WARRANTS GRANTING A NEW TRIAL.**

24 Dr. Lance Lee testified outside of the presence of the jury and invoked his Fifth
25 Amendment privilege in response to each of the questions posed to him by defense counsel. The
26 defense requested that Dr. Lee assert his privilege in front of the jury, but the Court ruled that Dr.
27 Lee could not be called to testify before the jury. The Court's failure to allow the defense to call
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1 Dr. Lee to testify and to invoke his Fifth Amendment privilege before the jury constitutes
2 prejudicial error warranting a new trial.

3 The Ninth Circuit has ruled that, as a general matter, a non-party witness cannot be called
4 to testify solely for the purpose of having the witness claim his Fifth Amendment privilege before
5 the jury. *See, e.g., United States v. Licavoli*, 604 F.2d 613, 624 (9th Cir. 1979). However, the
6 reasoning employed in other Ninth Circuit decisions is more applicable given the facts of this
7 case. *See, e.g., United States v. Seifert*, 648 F.2d 557, 560-561 (9th Cir. 1980) (citing *United*
8 *States v. Gay*, 567 F.2d 916, 920 (9th Cir. 1978)).

10 In *United States v. Seifert*, 648 F.2d 557 (9th Cir. 1980), the non-party witness invoked his
11 Fifth Amendment privilege as to a specific question. The Ninth Circuit held that because the
12 witness's invocation would have been "a form of impeachment," the trial court "should have
13 allowed counsel to put the question to [the witness] before the jury," thereby forcing the witness to
14 invoke his privilege before the jury. *Id.* at 560-561.

16 While Dr. Lee's invocation of his Fifth Amendment privilege before the jury would not
17 necessarily be relevant for impeachment purposes, it would be relevant for two other reasons that
18 bring this case outside the control of the *Licavoli* line of cases. First, calling Dr. Lee to testify
19 before the jury would confirm the existence of Dr. Lee, thereby corroborating, at least in that
20 limited respect, Mr. Prince's testimony that all his information regarding the trader(s) and the
21 trading history was provided to him by Dr. Lee. Second, the failure of the Court to permit Mr.
22 Prince to call Dr. Lee to testify before the jury meant that Mr. Prince was unable to argue that Dr.
23 Lee's failure to testify was due to Dr. Lee's invocation of his Fifth Amendment privilege.⁴ The
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26 ⁴ In *Licavoli*, the Ninth Circuit rejected the appellant's argument that he should have been
27 permitted to call witnesses—and in particular members of the victim's family—who would
28 provide no testimony in order to show that "he was not reluctant to confront those persons."

1 lack of evidence or argument explaining Dr. Lee's absence, in combination with the Court's
2 erroneous refusal to provide one of the requested missing witness instructions, permitted the jury
3 unfairly to hold Mr. Prince responsible for failing to call Dr. Lee to the stand to corroborate his
4 testimony.

5 Like in *Seifert*, the invocation of Dr. Lee's Fifth Amendment privilege in the presence of
6 the jury would have had a specific, permissible purpose given the facts of the case.⁵ The jury was
7 specifically informed that it could consider "lack of evidence" during deliberation. *See* Ninth
8 Circuit Model Criminal Jury Instructions 3.5 (Reasonable Doubt—Defined). Without the
9 appearance of Dr. Lee at trial, the jury was faced with a lack of evidence that it was likely to hold
10 against the defendant unfairly: Given the defendant's good-faith defense, the existence of Dr. Lee,
11 and the likelihood that Dr. Lee would have corroborated Mr. Prince's testimony, Dr. Lee's
12 unexplained absence was highly and unfairly prejudicial to the defendant, who, unbeknownst to
13 the jury, had no ability to call him to testify. Accordingly, the failure to have Dr. Lee appear
14 before the jury—and invoke his Fifth Amendment privilege in front of it—was reasonably likely
15 to have affected the outcome of the trial, and therefore warrants a new trial.

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21 *United States v. Licavoli*, 604 F.2d at 624. Here, Mr. Prince was not arguing for permission to
22 confront his accuser. Rather Mr. Prince wanted to elicit specific, affirmatively favorable
23 testimony from an associate of his, Dr. Lee.

24 ⁵ While the witness in *Seifert* only invoked his privilege as to a single question, and Dr.
25 Lee presumably would have issued a blanket invocation as to all questions, this distinction does
26 not undermine the application of *Seifert* to the instant case. It does not matter how many questions
27 a witness refuses to testify, as long as the witness's refusal to answer one or more questions is
28 something that can be properly considered by the jury. In this case, the jury could properly have
considered Dr. Lee's existence and Mr. Prince's inability (and, conversely, the government's
ability) to call Dr. Lee to testify, when evaluating Mr. Prince's good faith defense.

1 **5. THE DENIAL OF DEFENSE COUNSEL’S RIGHT TO CROSS-EXAMINE W.**
 2 **CARSON MCLEAN REGARDING THE FACTS UNDERLYING HIS ANALYSIS,**
 3 **PARTICULARLY REGARDING CASH PAYMENTS TO BILLY CHOI, WARRANTS A**
 4 **NEW TRIAL.**

5 W. Carson McLean testified for the government as an expert witness. His testimony
 6 consisted of a financial analysis of bank and brokerage accounts relating to Leopard Fund, MJE
 7 Invest!, and Dawnstar Alliance. Mr. McLean was the only expert who testified at trial. On cross-
 8 examination, defense counsel was prohibited from asking Mr. McLean about the factual basis of
 9 his testimony. Specifically, the defense attempted to question him about whether he was informed
 10 that the case agent had obtained information from Billy Choi that defendant made cash payments
 11 to Mr. Choi to compensate him for his work trading the Ameritrade account. And the defense
 12 attempted to question him about whether he included evidence of these cash payments to Mr. Choi
 13 in his calculations of what money was put to business-related purposes and what money was put to
 14 personal use. This restriction on defendant’s cross-examination of a prosecution expert
 15 constituted prejudicial error.

16 A defendant has the constitutional right to cross-examine witnesses against him, as well as
 17 specific permission under Federal Rule of Evidence 702 and 705 to cross-examine an expert
 18 regarding the facts serving as the basis for his conclusions. U.S. Const. amend VI; *Howard v.*
 19 *Walker*, 406 F.2d 114, 128 (2d Cir. 2005) (“Court-imposed limitations on cross-examination
 20 can...violate a defendant’s Confrontation Clause rights.”); *Davis v. Alaska*, 415 U.S. 308, 318
 21 (1974) (holding that a criminal defendant is “denied the right to effective cross-examination” if he
 22 is not “permitted to expose the jury to the facts from which the jurors, as the triers of fact and
 23 credibility, could appropriately draw references relating to the reliability of the witness”).
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25 An expert may testify regarding specialized knowledge only if the testimony is based on
 26 sufficient facts or data. Fed. R. Evid. 702. On cross-examination, the expert is required to
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1 disclose the underlying facts or data. Fed. R. Evid. 705. Accordingly, a defendant is entitled to
2 cross-examine an expert witness regarding the underlying facts or bases of the expert's
3 conclusions. Fed. R. Evid. 702, 705. *See also United States v. A & S Council Oil Company*, 947
4 F.2d 1128, 1135 (4th Cir. 1991) ("Full examination of the underpinnings of an expert's opinions is
5 permitted because the expert, like all witnesses, puts his credibility in issue by taking the stand.")
6 As part of his full examination rights, a defendant is entitled to question the expert about what
7 evidence was available to the expert that he did not consider in forming his opinions, or about
8 what evidence was available to the government but not provided to the expert that the government
9 called to testify.
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11 Mr. Prince attempted to cross-examine Mr. McLean about the factual basis of his
12 calculations in order to reveal flaws in those calculations. Mr. McLean testified and produced
13 charts regarding the amount of cash in the accounts that went to personal uses (or unaccounted for
14 uses) by the defendant. *See* Trial Exhibits 202, 205, and 206. Mr. Prince attempted to determine
15 whether Mr. McLean had been informed of—and included in his calculations—cash payments
16 made to the funds' trader Billy Choi. Such payments would have constituted legitimate business
17 expenses, as opposed to personal uses of the funds. Therefore, the defense asked Mr. McLean
18 whether he had been informed of the cash payments, and if so whether he had included them in his
19 calculations.
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22 The questions regarding cash payments made to Billy Choi were asked in good faith. The
23 FBI interviewed Billy Choi (AKA Billy Zhao). Billy Choi told the FBI that he "received
24 approximately 25% of the profits" of his trading, and that Dr. Lee paid him "in cash for some of
25 his earnings." *See* Attachment A (FBI Report of Telephonic Interview with Billy Zhao). Billy
26 Choi also acknowledged that he was associated with Kenan Ren, who received a large wire
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1 transfer from defendant's bank account. Mr. Prince was denied his constitutional and statutory
2 right to examine Mr. McLean about the factual basis of his expert testimony. Because the defense
3 was not allowed to ask Mr. McLean about these business expenses, the jury was left to assess the
4 accuracy of Mr. McLean's conclusions without necessary information about the completeness of
5 his data. Mr. McLean was the only financial expert in this case, and this error reasonably likely
6 affected the outcome of the trial.
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8 The use of the funds was of critical importance in this trial. The government argued that
9 Mr. Prince committed fraud by using investor money for his own benefit rather than using it for
10 legitimate business purposes. Mr. McLean's testimony constituted the bulk of the government's
11 financial evidence. The existence of large cash payments used to pay legitimate business expenses
12 would have rebutted the allegation that Mr. Prince used the funds for his own personal benefit.
13 Full cross-examination regarding the accuracy of Mr. McCleane's calculations was necessary for the
14 jury to be able to determine what weight to give the conclusions and testimony of Mr. McLean. If
15 Mr. Prince had been permitted to ask questions to undermine Mr. McLean's calculations, the
16 result of the trial would likely have been different, as the jury would have had strong reasons to
17 doubt the evenhandedness of the expert witness and the reliability of his opinions. Accordingly,
18 this error requires a new trial.
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20 **6. CONCLUSION**

21 Several prejudicial errors at Mr. Prince's trial demand that he be granted a new trial. These
22 errors include the failure to properly instruct the jury, the failure to have Dr. Lee appear and
23 invoke his Fifth Amendment privilege before the jury, and the failure to allow a full cross-
24 examination of the underlying facts supporting the Mr. McLean's financial conclusions. While
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1 each of these errors individually is enough to warrant a new trial, the collective effect of each of
2 these errors clearly supports the granting of this motion.
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5 Dated: October 21, 2011

Respectfully Submitted,

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11 Daniel L. Barton,
12 Attorney for Defendant David Prince
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